



WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image recorder comprising:
 - 15 a storage that stores data of a visual broadcast program;
 - a playback that plays back the visual broadcast program on the basis of the data stored in the storage; and
 - 20 a questioner that makes a question of whether or not the data of the visual broadcast program is to be automatically deleted from the storage after the playback of the visual broadcast program is terminated.
- 25 2. The image recorder according to claim 1 wherein the storage includes a randomly accessible recording medium.
3. The image recorder according to claim 1 wherein the storage includes a hard disc built in
30 the image recorder.
4. The image recorder according to claim 1 wherein the questioner is designed to make a question of whether or not a partial data of the visual broadcast program that has been played back is to
35 be automatically deleted from the storage if the playback of the visual broadcast program is terminated at the middle.